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PETITION AND AMENDMENT TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP IN A NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) – FEWER INVENTORS DUE TO AMENDMENT OR CANCELLATION OF CLAIMS

Dear Sir:

The prosecution of the above-identified nonprovisional application has resulted in the cancellation of claims so that fewer than all of the currently named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention being claimed in the instant application. Therefore, Applicants submit this Amendment and Petition to correct inventorship by deleting the following name(s):

Ballinger, Robert A., Blalock, Angela D., Boldog, Ferenc L., Casman, Stacie J., Fernandes, Elma, Guo, Xiaojia Sasha, Gusev, Vladimir Y., Herrmann, John, Heyes, Melvyn P., Ioime, Noelle, Ji, Weizhen, Kekuda, Ramesh, Leite, Mario W., Liu, Yi, Mezes, Peter D., Patturajan, Meera, Pena, Carol E.A., Rastelli, Luca, Shenoy, Suresh G.,

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Shimkets, Richard A., Spytek, Kimberly A., Taupier, Raymond J., Tchernev, Velizar T., Vernet, Corine.

Each of the above listed inventors' invention is no longer being claimed in the instant nonprovisional application.

Applicants submit herewith the appropriate fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 21402-269.

Should the Commissioner have any questions concerning this petition, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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